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LB 619, 629, 726, 816

CLERK: Mr. President, very quickly Senator Kremer would like to print amendments to LB 726; Senator DeCamp to LB 619; Senator Carsten to LB 816. Mr. President, a new resolution LR 254 offered by Senator Koch. (Read. See pages 1234-1238 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over, Mr. President.

Mr. President, LB 629 is a bill introduced by Senator DeCamp. (Read.) The bill was read on January 6 of this year. It was referred to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I move advancement of the bill. I will try to be very brief because I know we have a lot of business to get done here. The bill simply for the first time in eleven years tries to provide the newspapers who are ordered by law to print certain items that normally they probably wouldn't print, in fact have no reason to print, the opportunity to recover close to actual costs of printing those things. The increase is from, well its about one-third. The last time, I repeat, it was increased was eleven years ago. Additionally the legislation does one other important thing and that is it puts a system where you can look in the book and have uniformity of price, so that whether you go to Ogallala or Neligh or O'Neill or Omaha, you have a standard price for a certain amount of words. Previously, because different people used different kinds of type, different kinds of newspaper, nobody really knew for sure whether they were paying fifty cents in one place and twenty cents in another for identical things. This would establish a uniform system. Mr. President, I urge advancement of the bill. As I say, I would try to answer any questions. Let me just say that this increase is probably very small compared to what it should be. I repeat again the last increase to cover these mandated publishings was eleven years ago. As an example newspaper, the paper itself, has gone from like a \$174 a ton to five hundred and sixty some dollars a ton and a printing of this material, the types of things we're talking about, legal notices, so on and so forth, notices of bids, interestingly enough, even with this increase, incredible as this sounds, would still be only one-third the cost of me putting in, for example, an ad or a publication on something for an auction or a legal advertisement or something like that. It probably doesn't even recover the actual cost of printing it but we mandate the papers do it. I urge advancement of the bill.

SENATOR LAMB: Amendment on the desk.